Introduced by Senator Dutton

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 513 of the Public Resources Code, relating to state parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1103, as amended, Dutton. State parks: cooperating associations.

Existing law establishes, within the Resources Agency, the Department of Parks and Recreation, which administers the state park system within the state.

Existing law authorizes the department, as a means of furthering the interpretive and educational functions of the state park system, to enter into agreements to act cooperatively with private nonprofit scientific or historical associations engaged in educational or interpretive work in state park system units.

This bill, instead, would authorize the department to enter into agreements with cooperating associations, as defined, for specified purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 513 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 3 513. (a) The department, as a means of furthering the
- 4 interpretive and educational functions of the state park system,
- 5 may enter into agreements to act cooperatively with nonprofit

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cooperating associations engaged in educational or interpretive work in state park system units, as the director may designate, whereby the cooperating association would furnish educational or interpretive materials *or services*, or both, for sale to the public.

- (b) For purposes of this section, "cooperating association" means a corporation that meets all of the following criteria:
- (1) The corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation, organized pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 5110) of Division 2 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code.
- (2) The articles of incorporation of the corporation state that the specific purpose of the corporation is to provide support for educational or interpretive programs of the state park system, or portions thereof.
- (3) The corporation has a cooperating associations program contract with the department.
- (4) The corporation is in compliance with the department's policies and guidelines regarding cooperating associations.
- (c) The department, at its discretion, may provide the services of department personnel and space for the sale of services of department personnel and shall provide space, if available, for the sale of cooperating association materials or services, or both, within a state park unit or units.
- (d) Subject to rules and regulations that the director shall adopt, all moneys collected by the cooperating association or received by the department from the sale of cooperating association materials or services, or both, provided by an association shall be retained by *or* returned to the cooperating association for use in the interpretive or educational programs of the state park system unit or units that the cooperating association has been designated to serve.